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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms was steady. Some buyers willing to negotiate on whole body turkeys. Demand remains mixed. A large volume in the Midwest and a light volume in the East of hens and toms that are basted, netted and timed sold with price ceilings for March hens 64.5 cents, toms 63.5 cents; April hens 66.5 cents, toms 65.5 cents; May hens 68.5 cents, toms 67.5 cents; June hens 70.5 cents and toms 69.5 cents; July hens 73.5 cents and toms 71.5 cents; and August hens 75.5 cents, and toms 73.5 cents. Trading in a full range. Offerings generally adequate for current trade needs. Bulk parts and meats demand light to moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand mixed. Activity centered tom 3-joint wings, frozen thigh meat, frozen mechanically separated turkey tom drums all finding a fairly good call. Movement to Russia, Mexico, Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa noted.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 22, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	66.00	200	MAR-APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	63.00	120	MAR-APR	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58.5-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	1260	MAR-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	7140	MAR-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	MAR-AUG
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58.5-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	3400	MAR-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00**	61.00	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	62.00	59.10	63.00
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	61.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.50**	60.00	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.00	58.50	60.00
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	59.00**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	86-102

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 26-FEB-2001

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.17	120	65.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.17	120	65.00	10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JANUARY	391,641*
FEBRUARY 1-17, 2001	296,397*
To date 2001	688,038*
To date 2000	663,544*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-Feb-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		AVG
				BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	852	2	22.29	(A)	856	22.29
S ATL	741	-6	28.82	(A)	744	28.82
N CENT	2,055	-1	30.38	(A)	2,059	30.38
S CENT	638	-2	22.13	(A)	641	22.13
WEST	381	25	24.74	(A)	384	24.74
U.S.TOTAL	4,667(B)	0	27.07	17	4,684	27.07
TO DATE						
2001	31,640(B)			101	31,741	
TO DATE						
2000	30,819(B)			246	31,065	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 29,000; for the year 212,000; last year to date 37,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 17-Feb-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,956	2,682	29	17	4,684
AVG WT	16.71	34.68	21.87	29.23	27.07
LAST WEEK	1,923	2,696	38	7	4,664
SAME WK YR AGO	4,399(A)		5	2	4,406
AVG WT	25.31(A)		25.80	33.00	25.31
TO-DATE/2001	31,428(A)		212	101	31,741
TO-DATE/2000	30,782(A)		37	246	31,065

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 FEBRUARY 2001.

White meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady with breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin in the strongest position. Bulk parts trade sentiment ranged from cautiously steady on necks with instances of increased confidence noted to fully steady on the balance of items. The thigh meat undertone was steady to fully steady on fresh, frozen steady. White meat demand was in a full range, mostly fair. Bulk parts demand was light to fair for domestic shipments, slow to good mostly moderate for exports. Thigh meat demand ranged light to fair with the best interest noted for exports. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light, frozen adequate to fully adequate. Some Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 104 cents delivered April.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	320
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	96.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	29.00		29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00-25.00		23.84	19
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.50		22.80	98
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.13	46
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	31.00-32.00		31.50	80
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	2
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	151.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.50-158.00		157.00	120
THIGH MEAT		W	52.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	59.00		59.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.38	136
TENDERLOINS		F	120.00	14
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00		130.00	9
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	146.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	58.00-60.00		59.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	80

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-30.00		28.79	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00-25.00		24.06	404
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	104
TAILS	25.00		25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00		55.00	260

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Undertone steady to instances firm on fresh tom breast meat with only limited trading noted at the higher offering prices. Domestic demand was the most active on white meat items, light to fair on the balance of items. Export demand was active for Russia and Eastern Europe with interest also noted for Asia, Africa and Mexico. Domestic trading was light on all items. Export trading was heavy on frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey and frozen thigh meat for March shipments. The balance of export trading was light and centered on wings and drums. Some livers traded at 17 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	120	100.83	480
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	40	150.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00-94.00		92.50	80	93.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00-30.00		28.40	100	28.00	145
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	29.00	40	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	20	26.24	42
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40	22.64	184
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	20	23.00	23
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.13	46	26.68	126
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	32.00		32.00	20	32.47	340
NECKS, TOM	24.00-26.00		24.86	140	24.89	182
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	9	25.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	151.00	200	151.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	158.50-160.00		159.25	160	156.51	820
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	80	53.67	240
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00		58.00	20	58.80	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	10	115.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT	114.00		114.00	40	114.00	40
TENDERLOINS	120.00-125.00		121.67	120	121.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00-136.00		134.88	160	133.73	209
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	147.00		147.00	40	145.56	180
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00		59.00	100	59.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-16.00		15.50	120	15.38	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.75	160	15.89	880

## EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	104	28.67	660
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-22.00		21.43	364	22.81	768
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	104	26.50	416
TAILS	22.00		22.00	52	23.82	132
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.00		14.24	2,020	14.23	2,060
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-59.00		55.85	1,332	55.82	2,300

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